AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 5-16.

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

determining whether a task is allowed to use a service-enabled resource, wherein the service-enabled resource is disabled until a fee is paid;paid; and

if the ~~determining is true~~task is allowed to use the service-enabled resource, allocating the service-enabled resource to the task; and

if the task is not allowed to use the service-enabled resource, allocating a non-service enabled resource to the task, wherein no fee is required to use the non-service enabled resource.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the service-enabled resource comprises a processor in a multi-processor system and the allocating further comprises dispatching the task to the processor.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

adding the processor to a shared pool associated with a partition to which the task belongs.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2~~claim 1~~, further comprising:

if the task is allowed to use the service-enabled resource, dedicating the processor to a partition to which the task belongs.~~if the determining is false, allocating a non-service enabled resource to the task.~~

Claims 5-16 (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) A method for configuring a computer, wherein the method comprises:

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configuring the computer to determine whether a task is allowed to use a service-enabled resource, wherein the service-enabled resource is disabled until a fee is paid;paid; and

configuring the computer to allocate the service-enabled resource to the task if the task is allowed to use the service-enabled resource; and

configuring the computer to allocate a non-service enabled resource to the task if the task is not allowed to use the service-enabled resource, wherein no fee is required to use the non-service enabled resource.determining is true.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the service-enabled resource comprises a processor in a multi-processor system and the configuring the computer to allocate further comprises dispatching the task to the processor.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, further comprising:

configuring the computer to add the processor to a shared pool associated with a partition to which the task belongs.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 18claim 17, further comprising:

configuring the computer to dedicate the processor to a partition to which the task belongs if the task is allowed to use the service-enabled resource.configuring the computer to allocate a non-service enabled resource to the task if the determining is false.

21. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the service-enabled resource comprises memory.

22. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the service-enabled resource comprises an I/O card.

23. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the service-enabled resource comprises network bandwidth.

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24. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the configuring the computer to determine further comprises:

    configuring the computer to check a data structure comprising task identifiers and service-enabled indicators, wherein the respective service-enabled indicator indicates whether the task identified by the respective task identifier is allowed to use the service-enabled resource.

25. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the service-enabled resource comprises memory.

26. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the service-enabled resource comprises an I/O card.

27. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the service-enabled resource comprises network bandwidth.

28. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the determining further comprises:

    checking a data structure comprising task identifiers and service-enabled indicators, wherein the respective service-enabled indicator indicates whether the task identified by the respective task identifier is allowed to use the service-enabled resource.

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